

ARKANSAS
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



* PLANTING COTTON, RICE, CORN, SOYBEANS AND SORGHUM

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RELEASED: May 3,1999 3:00 p.m.– Temperatures for the week were below normal with rainfall during the first part of the week with the remainder of the week remaining dry according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. 4.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 72 percent adequate and 26 percent surplus. The main farming activities of the week included planting of row crops, flusing rice fields, fertilizing pasture and scouting wheat for armyworms and disease.

CROPS: Planting of rice, cotton, soybeans, corn, and sorghum was reported by several counties. Fertilizing and applying herbicides to wheat. Tomatoes were reported in 2nd and 3rd string stage, hay was being harvested, watermelons were being cultivated and rice fields were being flushed.

LIVESTOCK: Cattle producers continued to market cattle and wean calves. Cattle were given vaccinations, treated for worms, and were reported in good condition statewide.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %				Condition %				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM								
Planted	38	58	53					
COTTON								
Planted	7	6	16					
RICE								
Planted	50	64	61					
Emerged	12	26	22					
SOYBEANS								
Planted	7	10	8					
CORN								
Planted	87	90	93					
Emerged	40	69	NA					
WHEAT				0	2	16	55	27
Headed	91	87	79					
OATS				0	1	17	44	38
Headed	79	76	80					
ALFALFA				0	0	29	53	18
OTH. HAY				0	2	33	59	6
PASTURE				0	6	31	55	8

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